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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

Paragraphs 23; and 25: Two untested sources.

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1. Between 2 and 29 April 1954, the Schuetzen Kaserne [] Eberswalde, was 25X1 occupied by about 4,800 troops, including the headquarters. Rifle drill and aiming practice was repeatedly observed at the drill ground and firing with 25X1 rifles and machine guns was daily practiced at the target ranges. On 7 April, 36 sidecar motorcycles, 2 x 82-mm mortars, 2 T-34 tanks, 5 armored scout cars, and 5 trucks each occupied by 30 troops left the installation toward Trampe. On 24 April, 1 armored personnel carrier and 5 trucks, each occupied by 20 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and towing 2 light mortars, presumably of 50 mm, left in the same direction. [] 120-mm mortars 25X1 were no longer towed by, but loaded on, trucks.
2. On 24 April, the Schuetzen Kaserne [] was occupied by about 4,500 troops, 25X1 including the headquarters.
3. Between 2 and 29 April, the Artillerie Kaserne [] was occupied by about 25X1 4,500 troops. JS-3 tanks [] and 2 JSU-249 guns, [] left the installation toward Trampe on 7 April; and JS-3 tanks [] SP guns [] and trucks [] towing 2 AT guns left on 13 April. Between 12 and 14 April and on 21 April, truck columns entered the west section of the installation from the direction of Finow, with one column 25X1 of 10 trucks []
4. On 24 April, the Artillerie Kaserne was occupied to capacity by about 4,000 troops.
5. On 29 April, the cantonment at Duesterwinkel Bruecke [] was occupied by at least 800 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets, including some with engineer insignia. The installation included 1 large storage shed, 6 motor vehicle sheds, each for about 30 motor vehicles, and 4 one-story quartering buildings. Reports of rifles, machine guns and AT guns were heard from the firing range. [] 25X1
6. On 21 April, the cantonment at Duesterwinkel Bruecke was occupied to capacity by about 800 troops of an engineer unit. [] 25X1

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7. Between early April and 29 April, the cantonment on Breitscheidt Strasse [redacted] was occupied by about 500 troops wearing blue-bordered black epaulets with [redacted] signal insignia. Thirty-four trucks [redacted] were seen in the barracks yard. Six trailers with poles were [redacted] observed nearby. [redacted] 25X1 25X1

8. On 24 April, the cantonment on Breitscheidt Strasse was occupied by about 500 troops. On 12 April, 25 trucks and 4 trailers with poles were seen in [redacted] the yard and in front of a motor vehicle shed. [redacted] 25X1 25X1

9. On 29 April, the Britz cantonment [redacted] was occupied by 850 to 900 troops. 25X1

10. On 6 May, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne [redacted] Bernau, was heavily occupied a 25X1 previously.

11. Between 17 April and 11 May, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne was occupied by about 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia. Heavy weapons observed included 30 T-34 tanks, 1 SU-55 gun, 21 x 57-mm AT guns, 12 x 76-mm AT guns, 8 x 120-mm mortars and 16 x 80-mm mortars. Training included firing with 4 x 57-mm AT guns, 2 x 120-mm mortars and, 4 x 80-mm mortars; and drill. [redacted] 25X1

12. Between 15 April and 4 May, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne was occupied to capacity by about 2,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with [redacted] 25X1 artillery and tank insignia. Between 18 and 23 April, 6 tanks were [redacted] serviced. [redacted] 25X1 in front of the sheds and 2 T-34/85 tanks [redacted] practiced firing at the target range. On 18 April, 4 rocket launchers [redacted] and 4 trucks occupied by troops left the installation. [redacted] 25X1 25X1

13. Between 17 April and 11 May, the SS-Brieftaubenstation [redacted] was occupied by 25X1 about 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with [redacted] 25X1 artillery insignia. On 10 May, aiming practice with 4 x 37-mm AA guns was observed in the barracks area. 25X1

14. On and after 3 May, the SS-Brieftaubenstation was occupied by about 300 troops. On 29 April, 9 x 76-mm AA guns, 4 of which were emplaced as previously, were observed in the yard of the installation. 25X1

15. On 11 May, former Army Clothing Depot I [redacted] was occupied by about 60 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. On 6 and 11 May, there was no training, nor did source observe any weapons. Between 17 and 28 April, the installation had been occupied by about 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.¹ 25X1

16. Army Clothing Depot I was no longer occupied to capacity on 6 May. Four of the five vehicle sheds were vacant. The 8 x 35-mm AT guns, which were last observed in the barracks area on 29 April, had also disappeared.¹ 25X1

17. Beginning on 4 May, Army Clothing Depot I was occupied by about 300 troops. On 18 April, source determined that the installation was occupied by about 2,500 troops, mostly with artillery insignia.¹ 25X1

18. On 11 May, the restricted area on Karl Marx Strasse [redacted] was occupied by about 30 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. 25X1

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19. Prior to 2 May, no troops left the Panzer Kaserne [] in Rad [] 25X1
 Friezenwalde. Between 20 April and 2 May, 10 trucks [] 25X1
 [] daily engaged in driving [] 25X1
 school practices. Troops observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. Training was conducted in the Rathsdorf training area as previously. Reports of guns were daily heard from, and 2 to 4 T-34 tanks and 3 BA-64 armored scout cars were seen in, the training area. On 24 April, trucks [] 25X1
 [] towing 76.2-mm field guns were seen en route to the installation, 25X1 coming from the training area. [] 25X1

20. Between 24 April and 8 May, the Panzer Kaserne was still occupied to capacity by about 1,200 to 1,400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, tank and motor transport insignia. Training at company level was conducted near the installation. Firing with 85-mm AT guns and construction of field fortifications was observed in the Trampe area; driving school practices continued. A total of 8 x 85-mm AT guns, 3 x 120-mm mortars, 4 armored personnel carriers and about 30 sidecar motorcycles and T-34/85 tanks [] were observed with the troops. [] 25X1
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21. On 5 May, source determined that the troops stationed in Panzer Kaserne had not yet left for summer camps. A vehicle shed, about 40 meters long, was under construction at the southwest border of the installation, on the road to Berlin.

22. On 9 May, the Panzer Kaserne was occupied about 30 percent. About 300 troops received instruction on 2 May. An additional apartment house was under construction beside the officers' billets.

23. On 29 April, the restricted area in the west section of the Wuhlgarten Heilanstalt [] Berlin-Biesdorf, was occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Twenty-four canvas-covered tanks were seen in the installation. The tank training area west of the installation was being plowed. All was quiet in the installation on 25 April.

24. Between 22 April and 4 May, source determined that the new vehicle sheds in the west section of the Wuhlgarten Heilanstalt were occupied as previously by a total of 10 vehicles. The tank training area between Heilanstalt and Glonauer Strasse was being plowed. The officers' billets south of Erbhofweg were still occupied on 30 April.

25. On 27 April, Askania Haus on Berliner Allee, Berlin-Weissensee, was occupied almost to capacity. A truck occupied by 30 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets left the installation.

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1. [] Comment. The information indicates that, during the first days of May, the bulk of the 71st Light Arty Brig (U.S.) transferred to the Templin troop training grounds. [] The transfer accounts for the varying occupation strength in late April and early May.

2. [] Comment. According to previous information, the headquarters of General Lieutenant Dibrova is carried in Askania Haus in Berlin-Weissensee. Officers' dependents are presumably also quartered there.

3. [] Comment. Contrary to observations in preceding years, the 6th Gds Ms [] stayed at its quarters until mid-May. There are no indications for a transfer to summer camps.

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